GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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ASSISTANCE TO MUSICAL GROUPS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have prepared a list of dance, drama and musical groups to give assistance to them so that they could perform programmes abroad to build a good image of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have provided any assistance to the enlisted groups through Indian Ambassadors for production of programmes, etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): The Song and Drama Division, under the Ministry ofInformation and Broadcasting, neither enlists artistes in the field of dance, drama nor musical groups for performances abroad. It does not arrange for assistance through Indian Ambassadors for production of programmes. The Indian Councilfor Cultural Relations (ICCR), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of External Affairs, prepares reference panels of artistes/groups in the field of dance, drama and music who could be considered for tours abroad. A list of such artistes/groups who have been sponsored/being sponsored by the ICCR,during the current financial year is annexed.